

Wycombe try to play again on Saturday!

LAST week's heavy snow led to two postponements for Wycombe Wanderers FA Trophy second round replay against Blyth Spartans and the strong possibility of a third.

After the 1-1 draw at Blyth ten days ago Wycombe and Blyth managed to persuade the FA to allow them to play their replay last Saturday.

But one outside agency —

namely the weather — disagreed and the Loakes Park pitch was covered in places by ten inches of drifting snow. So the game was called off on Friday morning.

A new date was arranged for the fixture, namely yesterday (Monday). But there was never any prospect of the pitch improving in time and the game was duly called off on Sunday, to save Blyth a wasted journey.

The new arranged date is now tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 pm. The reason for the early kick-off, which will mean a greatly reduced crowd, is that Blyth players would only lose one day's work instead of the two if it were an evening match.

This factor overrode both teams' desire of gaining a big crowd, in order to help pay for the financial loss they have suffered in this

protracted Cup-tie.

So far this tie and replay have seen four postponements and the prospects of a fifth must be strong.

At the time of writing there seems no prospect of the rapid thaw that is needed if the match is to be played tomorrow.

Both clubs must be hoping for another postponement, for in that case the match seems certain to be played this coming Saturday — weather permitting.

This would have the dual benefit of a large crowd and no players losing a day's work. A crowd of 3,000 is required for the clubs to break even.

Promotion

Only one Isthmian League match was played on Saturday and that saw Maidenhead United defeat Metropolitan Police 1-0 to close in on the Division One promotion candidates.

The only goal came from player manager Geoff Anthony, playing his first full match after injury for three months.

This victory and Magpies' high position, emphasises the merit of Wycombe's 6-1 victory over Maidenhead in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup last week.

STOP PRESS:
Wednesday's match is off.
Tie to be played on Saturday, weather permitting.

Fixtures

FOOTBALL SATURDAY

F.A. Trophy 2nd round replay (3 p.m.): Wycombe Wanderers v Blyth Spartans.

Kingsmead Athenian League: Chalfont St Peter v Billericay, Hoddesdon v Burnham, Leyton Wingate v Marlow.

London Spartan League: Amersham Town v Merstham.